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NAS Fallon Remembers 9/11

By JOSR Steve Mason Jr.

Two years ago, an act of terrorism shook the comfortable foundation of America and brought to-

gether a nation that tends to divide itself by its differences. Two years later, NAS Fallon remembered the victims of the Sept. 11th attacks.

The morning started off with the raising of the colors, but on this day the ensign would be raised to the top and brought down to fly at half-mast to honor those that died on the tragic day.

Every TV channel had a special or a discussion on how that significant day affected people. NBC's Today Show featured an interview with JUAV's Ens. Peter Kauffman about the reason that made him enter the military. The well-spoken interview made NASF and the Navy proud.

A lot of servicemembers joined the military after they felt the terrorist went too far.

At 11am, the chapel held a memorial service to give tribute to those that died. The service featured the singing of the National Anthem, "Amazing Grace", and the

Navy Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". Chaplain Daniel Roysden and Father Tom Friedl led in Prayer and gave remarks about the events of Sept. 11th and how they effected not only America, but the whole world. A Video shown during the service reminded people where they were that day and showed people who were moved by the search, rescue and clean-up.

At 3pm, the fire department memorial service featured bagpipes played by Robert Bledsaw, a member of the Carson City Sheriffs Department. Ft Tom Friedl started the service with a prayer from scripture. Then firefighter, Lew Mellot, gave the firefighters prayer. Fallon Federal Fire Chief Stuart Cook told about fire service traditions, like leaving an empty place at the table with a single candle burning for those firefighters that lost their life. The Last Alarm was given by Fallon Federal Fire Captain John Mulac when he ceremoniously rang the brass fire bell.

NASF ended the day the same way it started. The colors were lowered ceremoniously during the setting of the sun calling to a close Sept. 11. The day will not soon be forgotten, but America will live on.



NASF Federal Fire Chief Stuart Cook explains the fire service traditions during the Fire Department Memorial Service on Sept. 11. Fire Chief Cook is a third generation fire fighter (Photo By JOSR Steve Mason, Jr.).



Chaplain Roysden leads the prayer during the September 11th Memorial Service at the Base Chapel. (Photo illustration by JOSR Steve Mason Jr.)

CVW-7 Adopts Local Racecar

By JO2 Eric D. Ritter

CVW-7 didn't just take to the skies when they arrived on base. They quickly took to the race track as well.

The airwing arrived on a Friday. That left some free time over

the weekend to explore the area during their liberty. Many of those sailors joined in on a Saturday night Fallon tradition by hitting the hill at Rattlesnake Raceway.

The race-loving sailors and

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Some of CVW-7 car sponsors along with driver, Shannon Morris, show off the racecar's new look (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)

Congratulations new Chiefs!



(Starting from the right) Chief Beam, Chief Keeler, Chief Cummings, Chief Kern, Chief Sheeder, Chief Butts, Chief Page, Chief Trimble, Chief Sourbrine, Chief Sammons, Chief Frashure, Chief Condict, Chief Spence, Chief Hunter, Chief Camacho, Chief Grimes, and Chief Curtis all received their anchors in front of family, friends, peers and co-workers at the Chief's pinning Ceremony on Sept. 16 (Photo by JOSR Steve Mason Jr.).

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Ft Tom Friedl

Hard to believe, but the season of Autumn begins this coming Tuesday, September 23. The new school year has started. And the sure sign that the seasons are changing — my first Christmas catalog arrived in my mailbox yesterday!

While many people find autumn to be a more depressing time of year, I enjoy it. While most people begin to pack recreational things away for the winter, it does not need to become a time of hibernation. Yes, perhaps our outdoor activities are

less frequent, but this is the opportunity for gathering friends and family around the table and enjoying the fruits of the harvest, perhaps sharing a meal of 'comfort foods', foods that remind us of home.

With the arrival of autumn comes the harvest, the gathering in for the winter. The harvest and storing up were important images used by Jesus. They are images lost to us who can obtain pretty much anything we want all year at the local grocery store. Drawing on this imagery I invite you to take stock of your own spiritual journey. What's

NASF sees West Nile Virus potential

While the results of tests of local mosquitoes around NAS Fallon have proved negative, the risk of West Nile Virus transmission is present, says the Navy Disease Ecology and Control Center. The species of the mosquito that carries the virus is present on Fallon, but all the test for the actual virus have come up negative.

The West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease. Those at risk the most are people over the age of 50 years and those with weak im-

mune systems. Presently, there have been over 2,500 human cases reported in 33 U.S. states. Symptoms of the virus are similar to the flu, with fever, headache, and body aches.

Reduce the risk of viral infection by considering staying indoors at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors during those times. Use bug repellants containing 5-24 percent DEET. Also drain any standing water puddles, like birdbaths and wading pools. This is where mosquitoes lay their eggs.

Since 1999, when the virus first appeared in the U.S., 94 people have died of the virus. Take precautions and protect yourself.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center (360)315-4450.



missing? Have you been away from the worshipping community for a long time? Do you find yourself struggling with some of the deep questions about the "meaning of life?" Are you looking for answers to moral questions?

Yes, the seasons are changing around us. Are you going to go dormant? Or will you use this time of year to take advantage of opportunities to grow? Especially in your spiritual life and your relationships? Autumn is the time of harvest, of

gathering in and of preparation. Let the changing color of the leave remind you that you also need to change. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal it. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6: 19-21)

NAS Fallon welcomes aboard new Ombudsman

By JO2 Eric D. Ritter

Christy Shanko arrived to NAS Fallon earlier this year. She knew she wanted to help out the base anyway she could. Her opportunity arose quickly when she learned that there was an Ombudsman position available. Not only was it available, but the position pretty much had been empty for about three years.

"I'm happy to be getting this started again," Shanko said. "It's been a long time since the base has had an Ombudsman, and I'm looking forward to helping the base out however I can."

Shanko said there were other opportunities for spouses like her to take while on base, but she said she wanted to be the contact between some of the sailors who are called away from here while their spouses are left behind.

One of the primary duties she is taking up is sending out newsletters to active duty and their spouses.

Becoming an Ombudsman isn't financially rewarding she said. The program is run completely by volunteers.

The Ombudsman at NAS Fallon don't normally have as large a staff as the fleet Navy, since fewer sailors deploy from this base. However, some are called away for spe-

cific duties overseas—as a good number of sailors were sent to the Middle East during the Iraq conflict.

She said that when it's time for her and her husband to rotate out of Fallon, she hopes the position will remain active.

"I want to do a lot for this pro-

Chapel Services

Protestant

Sunday: 11a.m. Worship Service

Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

Catholic

Sunday: 9:30a.m. Mass

For other Catholic services available in town, please call St. Patrick's at 423-2846

gram, but I would also hope that someone takes this position after me. This is a good program that we need to keep supporting."

If you would like to contact Christy, you can email her at Shanko@cccomm.net.



Christy Shanko is the new base Ombudsman (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

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Reno Air Races open doors on military appreciation day

NAS Fallon showed its appreciation and some cool hardware at this year's Reno Air Show and Air Races. Sailors were treated to a free show on Friday while NASF SAR and an F-18 put on shows that wowed the crowds during the four-day event. Other aircraft and static displays from the base as well as from CVW-7 were on hand for the crowd of thousands to see up-close and personal.



A vintage Navy T-6 rounds a pylon during this years Reno Air Races (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).



AT3 Michael Owens shows off the AIMU F-4 cockpit simulator as a static display during the air races (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that each pint of blood can be separated into four different components? We are rapidly approaching the holidays and Northern Nevada's blood supply is critically low. Be a hero, roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life on Thu, 2 Oct, from 0800-1500, when Bloodmobiles from United Blood Services will be at the CPO Club parking lot.

You can make an appointment with your Department/Division Blood Drive Coordinator, or go to www.bloodhero.com to sign up. For more information contact ACCS(AW/SW) Bolzle, 426-2417



MA3 Cecil Adams II recently had his reenlistment ceremony on the greens of the Fallon Golf Course. Ens. John Coutial read the ceremony (Photo by MA1 Jennifer L. Brink).

BRAVO ZULUS



AC2 Jon Klockman reenlisted during a ceremony at Air Power Park. Lt. Tom Schrock conducted the event (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).



AS2 Fredrico Cedillo recently extended his career in the Navy during his reenlistment ceremony. AOCM Marty Cobb graciously offers his back for Cedillo to sign his new contract (Photo by JOSR Steve Mason Jr.)



LI2 Kenneth Hunter is sworn in by Lt. Andy Severson during Hunter's recent reenlistment (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

NAVSUP Announces 2003 Holiday Season Mailing Dates

From Naval Supply Systems Command Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — The Naval Supply Systems Command’s Postal Policy Division, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service and military postal officials from all of

the services, notes that it’s not too early to mail 2003 Christmas cards, letters, and packages to and from military addresses overseas. In fact, everyone is encouraged to beat the last minute rush, and bring holiday mail and packages to the nearest U.S. Post Office or APO/FPO military

post office by the suggested dates listed below.

For military mail addressed to APO and FPO addresses, the mailing dates are:

Parcel post — Nov. 13

Space available — Nov. 28

Parcel airlift — Dec. 4

Priority mail, first class cards and letters — Dec. 11

For military mail from APO and FPO addresses, the mailing dates are:

Space available — Nov. 20

Parcel airlift — Dec. 4

Priority mail, first class cards and letters — Dec. 11

For related news, visit the Naval Supply Systems Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/navsup.



Domestic Violence Prevention:

An All-Hands Mission

Family Advocacy Program Leads Campaign Against Domestic Violence

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) urges Navy service members to help stop the tragedy of family violence.

“Domestic violence hurts us all,” said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott. “It scars and traumatizes individuals. It disrupts families. It weakens communities. It affects unit readiness. And it costs human lives.”

FAP is a military wide program created in 1981 by the Department of Defense to treat and prevent child abuse/neglect and domestic violence. FAP is one of many Fleet and Family Support Center programs designed to enhance Navy family life and improve operational readiness. FAP services are available to assist both victims and offenders; they include prevention education classes, support groups and individual counseling. FAP also helps fight family violence by training Commands and others in leadership positions to recognize the signs of abuse and how to respond when abuse occurs.

In October, FAP and Fleet and Family Support Centers worldwide will be conducting an awareness campaign to educate service and family members on the impact of domestic violence and the assistance available through FAP and The Center. An example of the benefits available is the Transitional Compensation Program, which provides transitional monies, medical benefits and commissary benefits to military spouses and their children if the active duty member is separated from the service for family abuse. Therefore, even if the abuser is punished and discharged, the rest of the family doesn’t have to suffer financially.

The preceding information is part of a multi-pronged effort beginning at Headquarters’ level and extending to individual Family Advocacy programs. Throughout the month of October, NAS Fallon’s Family Advocacy Program will be part of this effort to get the word out on domestic violence awareness including prevention, resources, training and education available, and options for both victims and offenders.

Please watch for the October-December FFSC DESERT LIFELINE and the October issues of DESERT ROUNDUP which will contain articles concerning this issue.

In the meantime, if you are in an abusive relationship as a victim or offender (or if you are concerned about someone in an abusive relationship) and would like assistance, please contact Kate Crook, Family Advocacy Representative, at 426-3342. Other resources include the local domestic violence program, Domestic Violence Intervention, at 423-1313 or the Crisis Call Center at 1-800-992-5757.

TRICARE News

Transitional Benefits Ease Health Care Concerns for Returning Service Members

As many military men and women return home from wartime deployments and prepare to end their active duty service, one of their prime concerns will be to ensure that health care coverage for themselves and their families is not interrupted. Many of them will be eligible for TRICARE benefits available

through the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP). These transition benefits will help them maintain their coverage while bridging the gap between military service and civilian life.

TRICARE's Transitional Health Care Benefits for Service Members

Certain service members who served less than six years' total active federal military service are eli-

gible to receive the TRICARE benefit for 60 days after their separation date, and those who served for six years or more are eligible for 120 days' of TRICARE coverage after their separation. These include

- Members involuntarily separated from active duty
- Reservist separated from active duty that were called up or ordered in support of a contingency operation for an active duty period of more than 30 days.
- Members separated from active duty and involuntarily retained in support of a contingency operation
- Members separated from active duty following a voluntary agree-

ment to stay on active duty for a period of less than one year in support of a contingency mission.

TRICARE eligibility is determined by the sponsor's service branch and by information available in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project

The TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project provides eligible family members with the same level of care (except dental, which may be available, if eligible, under the TRICARE Dental Program) that their military sponsor receives under the TRICARE Transitional Health Care Benefits program.

Under the TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project, eligible family members may continue receiving TRICARE benefits for 60 or 120 days after their military sponsor's separation date, depending upon the sponsor's length of service.

To make sure their family members are eligible for TRICARE Transitional Health Care Benefits Programs, service members must be sure to update their information in DEERS.

This can be done at the local Military Personnel Office or ID card issuing facility.

If the service members and their eligible family members want to keep their TRICARE Prime coverage under their Transitional Health Care Benefits, they will have to reenroll by submitting a new TRICARE Prime enrollment application, otherwise they may use their TRICARE Standard or Extra benefits. Information about these benefits can be found at www.triwest.com or www.tricarecr.carson.army.mil. The TRICARE Prime Remote and TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members Program are not an option for beneficiaries eligible to TAMP.

More information about TAMP and the TRICARE Transitional Health Care Demonstration Project can be found at www.tricare.osd.mil or by contacting the TRICARE Information Center at 1-888-DOD-CARE (363-2273).

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chiefs soon grew fond of the track and the competition running laps and kicking up dust on the famous dirt course.

According to CVW-7 CMC, CMDCM(AW/SW/AC) Eric Williamson, the airwing sailors quickly found a specific driver for whom to cheer.

"We were watching this one driver," he said. "We trust loved the way the driver used some aggressive tactics on the course, so we all started cheering for that car."

When we found who the driver was and that it was a female, we began to cheer even louder. We even began cheering louder when we found out that she worked on base and that her father was retired military."

The driver, Shannon Morris, didn't really expect a following that evening.

"They all seemed to have met my dad in the stands during the race," she said. "Then my dad brought them down to meet me, and we all just hit it off."

Williamson said that since they arrived here, they were looking for something that they could add to the community.

He said that shortly after meeting Morris the airwing folks realized

they had their answer for community involvement. They didn't hesitate to ask her if they could sponsor her car.

"We got our Corrosion Control guys to go out to the car and put a couple coats of paint on it."

After the color scheme was put in place, airwing logos were strategically placed on the car.

"It took about three days for the makeover to be finished," Williamson said.

"It was so cool," exclaimed Morris. "I couldn't believe they did that for me."

Maybe it was the stunning new paintjob, but the bomber-class car went on to win the next heat the following Saturday. Morris ended the race night in third place overall and leads the league in points.

Williamson said they all want to keep the relationship open. "Whenever we come out here on (det), we'll make sure the car is looking ok, and we'll still follow her while we're back East."

According to Morris, she may just need them to visit as often as possible.

"It didn't take long, but the car got pretty dirty quickly."

They all agreed, though, that having that nice of a paint job is bringing a lot more attention to the car every time she wins.

The Desert Classifieds

Pets:
--If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

Autos:
1995 Honda Civic LX; automatic; CD player, new paint, high miles but great car! \$3,500--426-3252 or 423-0184.
1993 Dodge Intrepid ES 3.5L V6, Automatic, Great Condition, 95K, CD Player, Power Everything, Leather, Trip Computer, Original Owner, \$2800 obo. Call Eric at 426-3879 or email, bialeke@nsawc.navy.mil
--'93 Ford Explorer 4x4 Sport 2D. Forest green w/ tan leather. AC, power everything, cruise, alarm. Excellent condition at NASF Lemon Lot, \$4,250 -- email: wannabebob@yahoo.com or call bill at 426-3162
Truck: 1997 Dodge Ram 1500, extended cab, 4x4, 5.9L V-8, automatic transmission, power everything, 3.5 inch lift with off-road tires, sprayed in bed liner, asking \$16,500.00 or best offer (O.B.O.) Contact Dustin Wiggans anytime. Work (775) 426-2319 or Home (775) 428-1122.
--Kenwood stereo system with

cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking \$500. Please call 423-2624.
--1995 GE., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking \$650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after working hours.
--Computer desk and chair \$45, White rocking chair with baby blue cushion for seat and back \$25, Loveseat \$100, Baby crib comforter set (blanket, mattress sheet, around the side cushioning, bedskirt) \$25, car seat \$25, toddler bicycle \$10, Computer subwoofer and speaker \$10, keyboard, \$5, mouse \$2.50, 2 Pioneer house stereo speakers \$10 ea., Mini tape recorder \$10, Little Tikes mini wagon \$2.50, 3 cordless phones (need batteries) \$25, Water hose holder \$10, RCA old fashion camcorder and case \$110, Winnie the Pooh toddler bed comforter set (blanket, fitted, and spread sheet) \$10. Please contact Mardie at home 423-2246
Misc.:
Child's bunk bed with desk attached. Metal and wood frame. Metal is black. \$300.00 obo Phone 867-5361
Also, I have two labrador mix pup-

pies for free to a good home 25 weeks old on the June 24. They have all of there shots. Willing to talk about asking prices on the items for sale.
--Futon: Double/Full size bed to Couch or vice versa. \$100. Stroller \$65, crib \$75, toddler bed \$75. 21 inch MC tire \$80. Call 428-0297 or 775-848-5666, or e-mail lgarlington@charter.net
For sale: Sony MDP-A1 Laser

disk player. Also plays VCDs and CDs. 89 varied laser disks. Asking \$75 for the player, \$1 per disk, \$150 package deal, OBO. Contact QM2 Ewing, x2524
Lost and Found
Lost Cat in base housing Gray with black on her back; spayed&declawed; nylon collar&gold bell on it. If found, please call 428-6681 or bring by house at 1057 Utah Ct.

May Ranch Stalls Available
Stalls are now available at the May Ranch Facilities on NAS Fallon. We offer 12' X 24' stalls, indoor and outdoor arenas, Dressage arena, round pens, pastures, and plenty of riding space for horses belonging to active duty military families, retirees, and DoD personnel. Contact Linda at 423-1504.






































Desert Moon Theater

Friday, Sept 19	6:30pm	Freaky Friday (PG13)
	9pm	American Wedding (R)
Saturday, Sept 20	11:30am	Saving Private... (PG13)
	1:30pm	Pirates of...(PG13)
	6:30pm	Johnny English (PG)
	9pm	SWAT (PG13)
Sunday, Sept 21	11:30am	American Wedding (R)
	3:30pm	Freaky Friday (PG13)
	6:30pm	Seabiscuit (PG13)
Monday, Sept 22	2:30pm	Pirates of... (PG13)
	6:30pm	Tomb Raider (PG13)
	9:30pm	SWAT (PG13)
Tuesday, Sept 23	6pm	

Movie Marathon
Wait for your plane and watch movies

Movie dates and times after Sept 23 can be found by calling the Theater for up-to-date times at 426-2552

September 2003						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Library Reading - 11:00	 1 LABOR DAY!!	 2 Capt.Cup Softball Playoffs 1700	 3	 4 CC Softball Playoffs Italian Buffet & Roman Party at Silver State x2625	 5 Planet X 9 - 11 Pajama Party - x2836	 6 Dive Class Begins. x 2836 or x 2791
 7 NFL Sunday Ticket at Planet X. Every SUNDAY. Food/Beverage Specials.	 8 CC FLAG FOOTBALL BEGINS X 3762	 9 Rock 'N Bowl 7-10 pm x2836	 10 Bowling League Meeting 1900 x 2437	 11 Mongolian BBQ @ Silver State Club	 12 FREE Bowling for Active Duty every Friday 1100 - 1300	 13 ALL NITE BOWLING 2300 - 0600 x 2836
 14 Outdoor Pool closes For the Season.	 15 Outdoor Pool closes For the Season.	 16 CPO Initiation	 17 Winter Bowling League Begins. Tail Hook Pig Roast PEO Open House-Tri- Tip BBQ x2598	 18 Library Story Time 1100 - x2599. TGIF - Planet X.	 19 Library Reading 1100. Build Your Own Burger/ Silver State Club	 20 CPO Khaki Ball
 21 Ready for PRT? Oasis Fitness Center can help ... x2252	 22 Tolkien Week at the Library x 2599	 23 Rock 'N Bowl 7-10 pm x2836	 24 Auto Hobby Sept. Special ... \$2.00 Discount for Flat Tire Repair ... includes rebalance. x 2575	 25 TGIF - Every Friday at Planet X. x4000	 26 Pony Express has 10% off all rentals on Tuesdays. x 2598	 27 Pony Express has 10% off all rentals on Tuesdays. x 2598
 28 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 29 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 30 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 31 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 32 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 33 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.	 34 Monday Night Football At ALL CLUBS.
MWR Events						

MWR Headline News Tickets and Tours Edition Sept 20-22

#1
Visit a ghost town in Bodie, CA!
Transportation fee of \$10 pp
Bring money for food
Sat/Sun/Mon
Depart 8am Arrive Back 7pm

#4
Lake Tahoe Cruise and Beach!
Transportation fee of \$11
Time to spend on the beach, Ride the Paddle Wheel,
Shop, Take a Gondola Ride, Rent a Jet Ski
Breathtaking Scenery
Bring money for food
Saturday Depart 1pm Arrives Back 9pm
Sun/Mon Depart 9am Arrive Back 5pm

#5
Shopping at the Meadowood Mall in Reno!
~Transportation fee of \$6 pp
~bring money for shopping and food
Sat/Sun/Mon Depart at 1pm Arrive Back 6pm

MWR is offering six trips a day to destinations in and around Northern Nevada. Sign-ups taken at MWR's ITT/Library Office located in Building 308... Seating is limited.... Signup Early.... Call #2275 For additional information

#2
Reno Hilton Fun Zone!
Transportation fee of \$6 pp
Also available at an extra expense are:
Outdoor golf lagoon range
Bungee ride.....Giant Swing
Fun Zone.....Go Karts
Sat/Sun/Mon
Depart 1pm..Arrive Back 7pm



#6
Virginia City-Visit the Old West!
Transportation fee of \$8 pp
Bring money for shopping and food
Sat/Sun/Mon
Depart Sat 1pm Arrive Back 7pm
Sun/Mon Depart 11am Arrive Back 5pm

#3
Paintball in Reno!
Transportation fee of \$7 pp
\$40 fee for paintball expense (includes mask, gun, 1,000 paintballs and air cartridge) wear baggy clothing bring extra money for food
Sat/Sun
Depart at noon
Arrive Back 6pm

Functional Skill class scheduled for base

The Command Career Counselor office, NC1(SW) Jones, along with the Navy College office will be sponsoring Academic/Functional Skills Courses this October.

Courses will be offered in Reading, Math and English. You will be given diagnostic tests and will begin your instruction at a level appropriate to your needs. Each class covers a single subject. You may enroll in as many classes as you can fit into your work and personal schedules. Each class is held for a total of 45 hours. Classes are usually scheduled for a period of 4 weeks. Each course is 2 1/2 hours each day (Monday - Friday).

You will be given a placement test on the first day of class. Depending on the results of your placement test, your instructor will prepare the course materials to meet your needs. During one of the last classes, you will be given a post test to see how much you have progressed. You will receive a certificate for successfully completing the class if your post test score is equal to or greater than your placement test score, and if you have attended a minimum of 80% of the classes.

These courses will enable a service member to retake the ASVAB test to assist in your preparation for college courses, accomplish rate conversion, "A" or "C" school qualification and achieve better schools on their rating advancement exams. Also due to the Navy's new Perform To Serve Program, targeted at E-4 and below who are in over manned rates, this has become a important tool in qualifying Sailors for under manned rates. The courses are tentatively scheduled for 27 October - 24 November 2003.

The only stipulation for entry into these course are a approved request chit bottom lined by the members Department Head. Once the request chits are approved they must be routed to NAS Command Career Counselor, NC1(SW) Jones(ext: 2720). There is a 15 person limit for each class. Your future success may depend on these courses, so don't hesitate to sign-up.

Youth Activities Center, MWR sponsor Manteca trip

Story and Photo by
AE1 Ed Buckles

NASF Youth Activities Center re-

cently beat the heat of summer by going on a MWR/ITT sponsored water park trip. A group of 14 went



Members of the Youth Activities Center take a break during their trip to Manteca

to Oakwood Lake, Cal. home of the Manteca waterslides and RV camp grounds. There are a lot of camping spots around the lake and the water park is know for having over a mile of waterslides making it one of North America's biggest water parks. Youth activities center director Shannon Goodrick said "the water park was a great place and the kids along with the adults had an awesome time. The trip was a big success." Look for future trips planned through the youth activities center and MWR/ITT.



NAS Fallon Child Development Center participated in this year's Fallon Cantelope Labor Day Parade. The float was built by the children and staff of the CDC (Photo provided by CDC)

Marine, author tells of personal Korean War triumphs, tragedies during book signing on base

By: JOSR Steve Mason, Jr.

Nick Flores, a retired lance corporal marine with the Headquarters Company first service battalion, visited Nas Fallon recently to sign his book "CONFESS, CONFESS, CONFESS, The True Story of a Prisoner of War." The book is an autobiography of his life from childhood, through his ordeals as a POW, and how his life after he returned home was affected.

When Flores was younger he ran away from home three times. "My whole life I could never stay in one place, because I always wanted to be on the move," said Flores. When he was thirteen, he remembered seeing a marine in his uniform and Flores told his father that he was going to be a marine when he grew up. His father agreed, telling Flores he would be the perfect marine. At seventeen, his parents signed the

papers for him to go into the Marine Corps.

Flores was captured during the first battle at Hell Fire Valley in North Korea, close to the Chosin Reservoir. During 36 months as a POW at Camp One in Chong-sung, North Korea he attempted escape three times, succeeding on his third attempt, only to be captured again by the Russians.

Mistaking Flores as an Air Force pilot, he endured heavy interrogation for twelve days and then was returned to Camp One. There he helped nurse 19 other physically and psychologically weary POWs captured by the North Korean Army. Flores saved 13 by spoon-feeding, bathing, listening, comforting, giving his food and making moccasins for those soldiers with frostbitten feet.

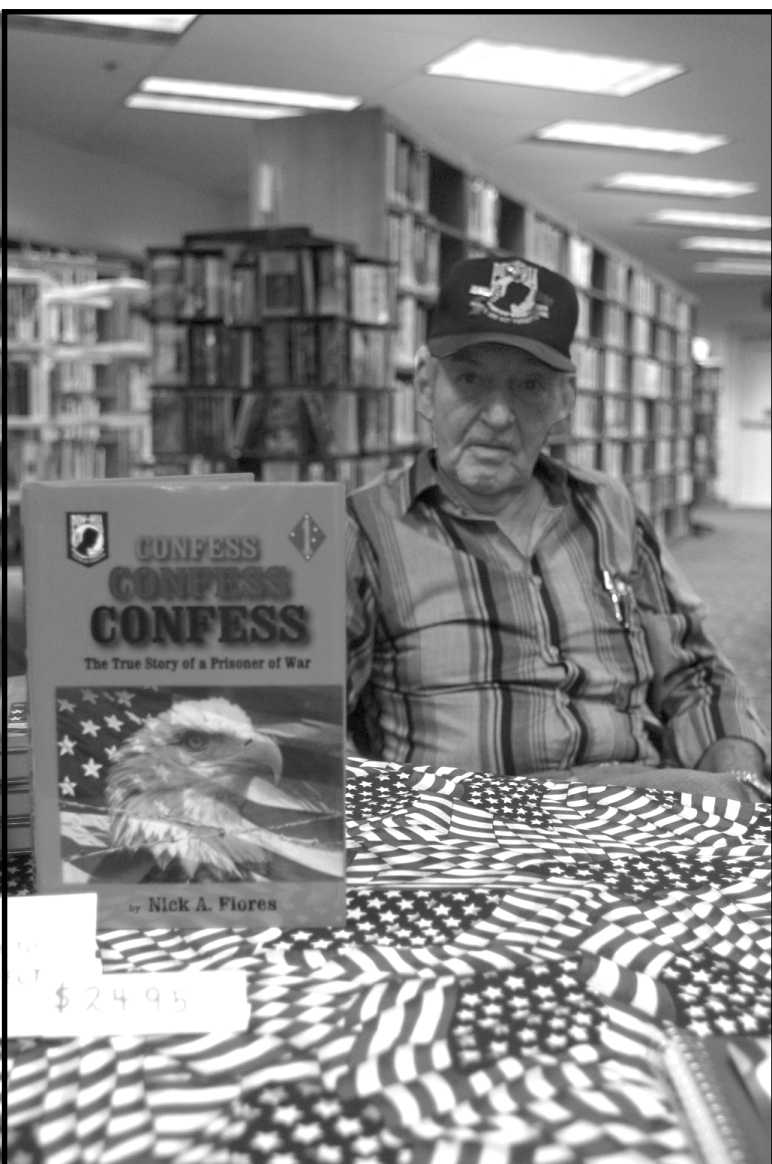
When he was finally released after serving 12 months in solitar for

yet another attempt at escape, he returned to the United States, where he was told that they never had him on record as being a POW, or even in Korea at that. Because of the missing piece of data he was given a general discharge, which he could

not stand for.

Flores spent years fighting the ruling of his discharge and in 1983 the Task Force Russia had the authority to look for missing pilots and came upon records kept on Flores. They contacted Flores because he had knowledge about the

Russians whereabouts at the time of his incarceration. After 41 years of fighting the wrongful discharge given to him he was finally given an Honorable Discharge. Flores was a guest on 'Good Morning America' to tell his story. "Friends told me, Nick, you have to write a book about your story, people have to know," said Flores.



Author and former Marine, Nick Flores at his recent book signing of "Confess, Confess, Confess" at the base library about his ordeals as a POW (Photo by JOSR Steve Mason, Jr.).

Navy Ball tickets at Golden Phoenix still available

The Navy Ball this year can be summed up in one word. Spectacular! The following is an idea of what can be expected. Keep in mind, the more people that want to attend, the better event it will be.

The night will start out at 6:00 pm at the Golden Phoenix Hotel and Casino in Reno. That's right, Reno! After a Cocktail Hour, there will be the Official Ceremony, Toasts and Dinner, then Dancing to various types of music hosted by a DJ to finish off the evening.

The Golden Phoenix is an outstanding establishment. The Ballroom is 14,000 square feet, and can hold approximately 350 people. The Casino located downstairs from the Ballroom will be a fun spot for the remainder of the night after the Ceremony and Dinner.

There are 604 rooms total, with 200 blocked for the Navy Ball. Check in time will be 3:00 pm on Saturday the 11th of October. There will be a buffet Breakfast and Brunch available the following morning at additional cost. Checkout time will be at 1:00 pm on the 12th of October.

To reserve your room, call the Golden Phoenix at 1-800-648-1828, or 1-775-785-7100 and use the reservation code "Navy Ball 2003" to get your discounted room price of \$52.00 plus tax.

There is both valet and self parking. Get this, both are FREE.

You need to hurry and get your tickets! We cannot stress the fact enough, this is being planned early enough in advance that we need to have ticket close-out by the 26th of September, and the Golden Phoenix requested the same for the rooms.

Tickets will be on sale through your department representative, or feel free to call PRCS Hardesty at extension 2871, ACOS Sherman at extension 3619, or SK1 USON at extension 3704.



Shirley Parker of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society presents Commanding Officer, Captain Brad Goetsch, with check for \$700 on behalf of the 'Not New' shop to support this year's Navy Ball. PRCS Hardesty (far left) and AK1 Rolando Uson were present to represent the Navy Ball committee (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter).

Congratulations Class of 2003!



EMBRY-RIDDLE
AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's 2003 Commencement Ceremony was held September 5th at the Fallon Convention Center. There were 13 graduates with eight graduates walking in the ceremony. Noreen Swenson played Pomp and Circumstance on the keyboard and 54 members of the Churchill County HighSchool Jazz Choir sang the National Anthem acappella. The Color Guard from NAS Fallon paraded the colors. Cmdr. Mike Haberthur gave the commencement address followed by a presentation by Carol Braniff to Marlon Henvit for the 2003 Outstanding Faculty Member. After the ceremony, there was a catered lunch for the graduates, friends, and family. **Graduates in order from left:** David Coates, Kelly Borden, Kurt Frick, Gregory Beard, Charles Hibbard, Stephen Zielinski, Anthony Wilkes, Derrick Morin

MWR displays its new display



MWR put its new marquee into partial service recently. MWR said the previous sign was too obsolete to get effective messages out any longer. The new sign is already turned on and showing some brilliant light shows, but the sign won't be completely programmed until next month (Photo by JOSR Steve Mason, Jr.).



September 19
1915 - SECNAV Josephus Daniels organizes the Naval Consulting Board to mobilize the scientific resources of U.S. for national defense.
1957 - Bathyscaph *Trieste*, in a dive sponsored by the Office of Naval Research in the Mediterranean, reaches record depth of 2 miles
1992 - Joint Task Force Marianas stands down after providing assistance to Guam after Typhoon Omar

September 20
1911 - Navigational instruments first requested for naval aircraft.
1951 - In Operation Summit, the first combat helicopter landing in history, U.S. Marines were landed in Korea.
1981 - USS *Mount Hood* and Navy helicopters rescue 18 crew members of Philippine Navy frigate, *Datu Kalantiaw*
September 21 1858 - Sloop *Niagara* departs Charleston, SC, for Liberia with African slaves rescued from slave ship.
1923 - Asiatic Fleet completes mission of aiding earthquake victims in Japan.
1939 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt asks Congress to repeal the arms embargo provision of the Neutrality Act.
1944 - Aircraft from 12 carriers commence 2-day attack against Japanese ships and airfields on Luzon, Philippine Islands.
1984 - Mid East Force begins escort of U.S. flagged vessels in Persian Gulf.

September 22
1776 - John Paul Jones in *Providence* sails into Canso Bay, Nova Scotia, and attacks British fishing fleet.
1943 - U.S. destroyers and landing craft land Australian troops at Finschhafen, New Guinea.
1989 - After Hurricane Hugo, Sailors and Marines provide assistance to Charleston, SC, through 10 October.

September 23
1779 - Captain John Paul Jones in Continental Navy frigate *Bonhomme Richard* captures HMS *Serapis*.
1931 - LT Alfred Pride pilots Navy’s first rotary wing aircraft, XOP-1 autogiro, in landings and takeoffs on board USS *Langley* while underway.
1944 - Naval Task Group lands Army troops on Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands
1944 - USS *West Virginia* (BB-48) reaches Pearl Harbor and rejoins the Pacific Fleet, marking the end of the salvage and reconstruction of 18 ships damaged at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.
1947 - James Forrestal, former SECNAV, takes office as first Secretary of Defense
1990 - Two Hospital ships (USNS *Mercy* and USNS *Comfort*) steam together for first time in Arabian Gulf

September 24
1918 - Ensign David S. Ingalls, USNR, in a Sopwith Camel, shoots down his fifth enemy aircraft, becoming the first U.S. Navy ace while flying with the British Royal Air Force.
1944 - 5th Fleet carrier aircraft attack Japanese in Visayas, Philippines
1960 - First nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS *Enterprise* (CVAN-65), launched at Newport News, VA

September 25
1941 - In first successful U.S. Navy escort of convoys during World War II, Navy escort turn over HX-150 to British escorts at the Mid-Ocean Meeting Point. All ships reach port safely.
1957 - In project Stratoscope, Office of Naval Research obtains sharp photographs of sun’s corona from first balloon-borne telescope camera.

September 26
1781 - French fleet defeats British at Yorktown, VA
1910 - First recorded reference to provision for aviation in Navy Department organization
1918 - USS *Tampa* lost with 118 men, probably by German submarine
1931 - Keel laying at Newport News, VA of USS *Ranger* (CV-4), first ship designed and constructed as an aircraft carrier

1963 - First steam-eject launch of Polaris missile at sea off Cape Canaveral, FL (now Cape Kennedy) from USS *Observation Island* (EAG-154)
September 27
1922 - Report on observations of experiments with short wave radio at Anacostia, DC, starts Navy development of radar
1941 - Launch of first Liberty ship, SS *Patrick Henry*, in Baltimore, MD
1942 - Armed Guard on SS *Stephen Hopkins* engages German auxiliary cruiser *Stier* and supply ship *Tannenfels*. *Stephen Hopkins* and *Stier* both sink.

Refresh your math skills
WNCC is offering Pre-Algebra (Math-093) starting Oct 6. If you need to scrape some rust off of your math skills, this is the perfect class. For more information, contact WNCC at 423-9509 or 423-7565

